

HCS HB 258 -- PUBLIC FUNDS

SPONSOR: Pfautsch

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Government Efficiency by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass- Consent" by the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 8 to 4.

This bill requires every department and division of the state, including the General Assembly and the offices of statewide elected officials, to make available to the public, on the MissouriBUYS statewide e-procurement system operated and maintained by the Office of Administration, information about all contracts entered into with private law firms for the provision of legal services at a cost of more than \$2,500, including the dollar amount of each contract, the attorneys' hourly rates, if known, and a summary of the legal services provided by the firm.

This bill is the same as SB 122 (2017) and similar to HCS SS SCS SB 704 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will increase the transparency of state government by making contracting information available to the general public.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Pfautsch.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.